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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
VIA : Deputy Director for Plans
SUBJECT : Thomaz de Pechy

1. The following is for your information in response to a verbal request made to me on 28 September 1972 for any information we may have on one (fau) Pesche, a name that had come up in your conversations with Mr. Roberto Campos.

2. The Brazilian Army Intelligence in June 1972, requested information on Count Thomaz de Pechy, an Hungarian national and naturalized Brazilian who is the international representative for an unidentified armament firm. Subject, owner of firm Montana in New York, offered to start an arms industry in Brazil which would include the manufacture of missiles.

3. According to a reliable source, one Thomaz de Pechy had been managing director of an Hungarian arms and ammunitions factory "Fegyvergyar V.T." since 1941. During the German occupation of March 1944, the factory was under the control of the Hungarian Commercial Bank (DOI 1945). Circa April 1945, Pechy arrived in Zurich from Vienna with a 250 pound trunk containing securities. Subject reportedly worked closely with SS Obergruppenfuhrer Hecher of Vienna who reportedly was one of the biggest "fixers" for the Nazi Party and who was suspected of providing a safe haven for Nazi funds. At this same time Subject was supposedly negotiating a large sale of German copper to the Swiss. (DOI 6 April 1945.)

4. Another source of unknown reliability reported that during the war Subject was manager of an Hungarian armaments factory - Ungarische Waffenfabrik and made money

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by helping rich Jewish families transfer their assets out of Hungary. Subject went to Switzerland in 1945 in connection with one of these transactions and met a Brazilian widow there whom he married. She obtained a Brazilian visa for him and they moved to Brazil. (DOI 20 July 1945.)

5. According to a reliable source, Subject played a pro-German role during the war but was only interested in the commercial gains of the war. There is no additional information.

Chief
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